

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Life Christian School, an educational institution in my district celebrating its 25th Anniversary on April 22, 2013.

Since its founding in 1988, the New Life Christian School has served as an organization where our community's young adults can grow personally and academically. The school's students have acted as role models for their peers, and they should be proud of their academic accomplishments.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring the significant occasion of the New Life Christian School's 25th Anniversary. The school is a model organization and will remain an inspiration in our community for many generations to come.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE WIL- LIAM H. ROYER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a former member of the House of Representatives, Congressman William H. Royer, who served in the House from 1979 to 1981 after winning a special election to succeed the late Leo J. Ryan who was slain in Jonestown, Guyana.

Bill Royer was born in Jerome, Idaho, on April 11, 1920, and died on April 8, 2013, at the age of 92. At the time of his death he was the 15th oldest former member of the House. He was brought to Redwood City, California by his family as a young boy, and lived there his entire life. He was a graduate of Sequoia High School and Santa Clara University which he attended on a baseball scholarship, and he did graduate work at Oklahoma State University. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 and enjoyed a successful career in real estate.

Bill Royer served on the Redwood City City Council from 1950 to 1966, and twice served as mayor. He was a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors from 1973 to 1979.

Bill Royer was predeceased by his beloved wife of 69 years, Shirley Royer, and leaves his sons Dennis and Peter, their wives and children, and many grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in honoring our former colleague who served his community and his country with great devotion and distinction, and in expressing our most sincere sympathy to his sons and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EDEN PRAIRIE BOYS SWIM TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eden Prairie Boys Swim Team on their outstanding performance at this year's Minnesota State High School League Meet. The Eden Prairie Boys put on a dominating performance, winning their second state championship in as many years.

This Eden Prairie team has now gone two consecutive seasons undefeated, ending the year with a 7-0 record.

This dream season, as described by the team's coach, Kelly Boston, was capped off by winning performances by many of the team's members. Two relay teams and three individual swimmers captured state titles at the meet, and the Eden Prairie squad amassed 9 total top-three finishes while breaking state records in the 400 freestyle relay and the 200 medley relay.

All of these student athletes, their parents and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations!

HONORING WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR BOOTH GARDNER

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of Washington State Governor Booth Gardner. He brought thought and care to everything he did. While running for King County Sheriff, Governor Gardner and four other Washington State governors came together to an event to show their support for me. It touched me deeply that he would take the time to make that public gesture, and his words of encouragement still resonate with me today. Governor Gardner fought for what he believed in with passion and conviction, and was a champion of many of the causes close to my own heart, such as improving U.S. trade relations and the education of our children. With his death last month, Washington lost one of its fiercest advocates, but his legacy lives on.

HONORING ELZORA MAE BROWN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congresswoman EL-

EANOR HOLMES NORTON, to honor the extraordinary life of Elzora Mae Brown, a fourth-generation, three-time cancer survivor and lifelong champion for breast cancer awareness and research among women of color. With her passing on March 3, 2013, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the countless lives she touched and saved over the course of her career in advocacy.

Born March 20, 1949 in Holdenville, Oklahoma, Elzora Mae Brown received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University before moving to the Washington, D.C. area, where she would live for the next 30 years. Ms. Brown received a wealth of experience in public communication through her role assisting the lobbying office of the Ford Motor Company. In 1976, she secured an administrative assistant's post at the White House, which led to a quick ascent in communications positions, including becoming assistant director for public affairs at the Federal Communications Commission and public affairs director with the Broadcast Capital Fund.

At the age of 32, Ms. Brown was diagnosed with breast cancer. As the youngest of eight children, she was prepared to face the same disease that had struck her great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, and three sisters. In most cases, swift action via mastectomy had saved her family members' lives. Only her late sister Belva Brissett lost a 12-year battle with breast cancer in 1990. As Ms. Brown took actions to save her life, she decided to use her experience as a sounding board for other women. She eventually underwent two mastectomies and multiple treatments throughout a courageous and continued battle with bouts of breast and ovarian cancer over the years. Yet, she was able to channel the power of these challenges into a trail-blazing advocacy campaign.

In the 1980s, her minority and media-focused public relations position at the Broadcast Capital Fund allowed her to spearhead televised public service announcements about breast cancer that aimed to reach inner-city women. A short film about preventative care, "Once a Year . . . For a Lifetime," which she helped to produce, featured celebrities such as Phylicia Rashad from "The Cosby Show" reading personal testimony from cancer patients—including the diaries of Belva Brissett.

Ms. Brown noted that few, if any, mammogram summits and information forums at the time were targeted to African American, minority, and underserved women. She began speaking to local churches, clinics, and civic groups about the benefits of self-examination and mammograms, while dispelling false notions of breast cancer as a white women's issue. By 1989, Ms. Brown had organized the Breast Cancer Resource Committee, BCRC, with the mission of reducing the disproportionate breast cancer mortality rates among African American women by 50 percent at the end of the century through education, prevention, and early detection. An offshoot of this initiative was named in honor of her late sister

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